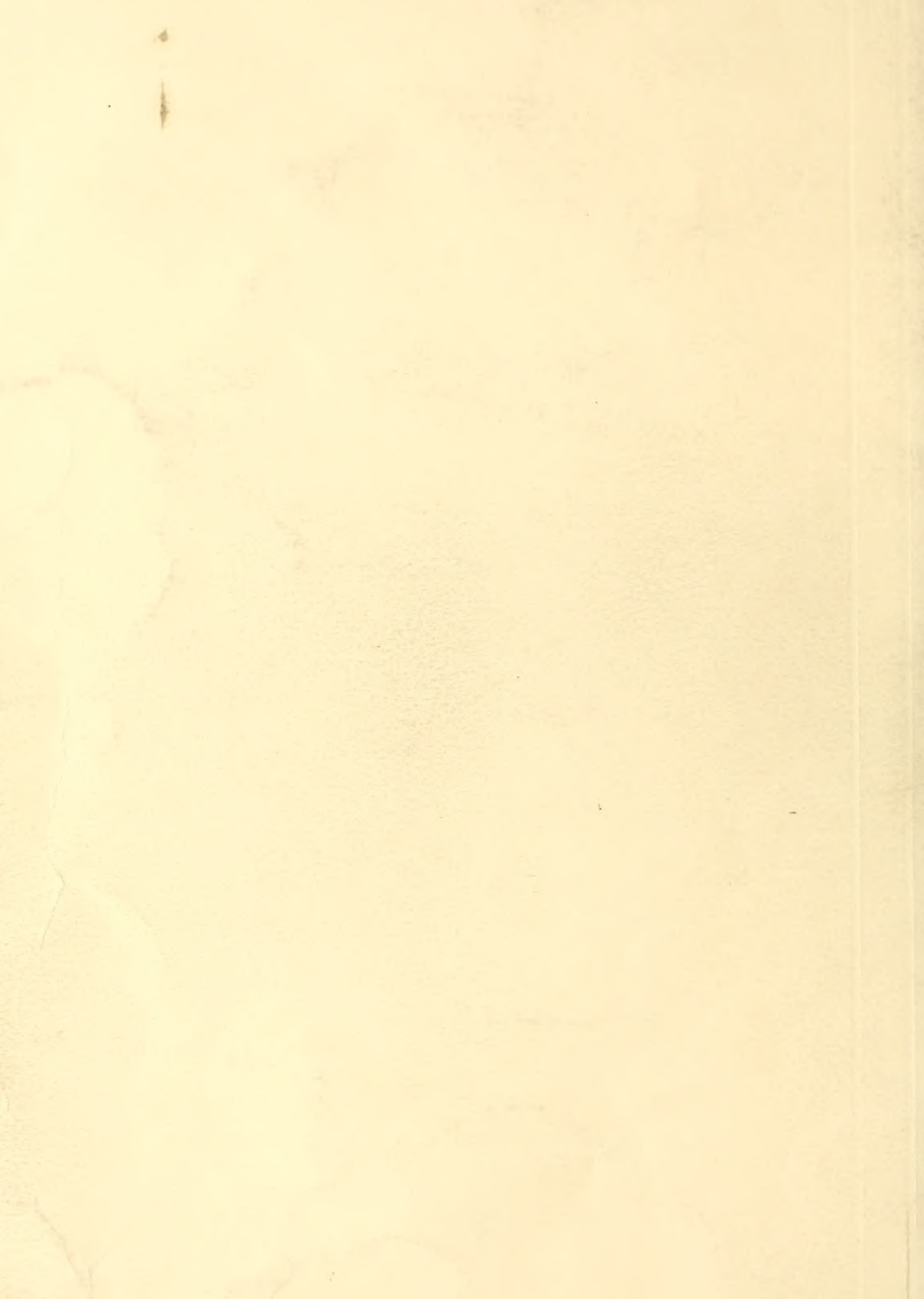


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GIANT
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CALADIUM.

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FLORAL PARK, N.Y.

GIANT FLOWERING CALADIUM, NEW CENTURY.

A New Species from Central America, and the Grandest Foliage and Flowering Plant yet Introduced.

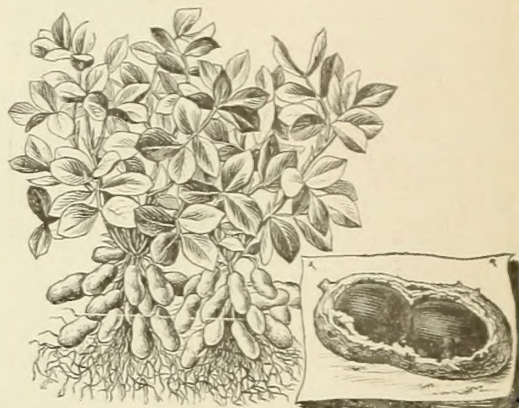
Leaves three times as large as any other Caladium, having a heavy, leathery texture and a bright, glossy green color, with metallic luster which is remarkably handsome. It does not produce a bulb, but is increased by suckers, and is perennial. The leaf stalks are strong and tall, holding the mammoth leaves well above the ground. Leaves 3 to 5 feet long by 2 or 2½ feet broad; perfectly immense, and make a plant which for tropical luxuriance has no equal. Added to this wonderful foliage effect are the mammoth lily-like blossoms, 12 to 15 inches long; snow-white, changing to cream, with a rich and exquisite fragrance so powerful as to perfume a whole garden, filling the air with fragrance for a long distance. Plants bloom perpetually all summer in the garden, or all the year round in pots, and are hardly ever out of bloom. The foliage is so hardy that it will endure without injury frosts that will kill other bedding and foliage plants. Not only is it the grandest garden or lawn plant, but as a pot plant for large windows, verandas, halls or conservatories, it rivals the choicest Palms in foliage, to say nothing of its magnificent flowers. Thrives in any soil or situation, and grows and blooms all the year. As many as 6 to 12 flowers rise successively from the base of each leaf-stalk, and are borne on stems 18 inches high. Regardless of all we can say in praise, the plant will astonish everyone with its magnificence—so novel and so wonderfully effective, free-growing and fragrant. One flower is sufficient to perfume a large room with a most delicate aroma. Our plants growing in the open ground the past summer have been the wonder and admiration of all visitors to Floral Park. They have flowered constantly. We can in truth say that of all the great acquisitions in new plants which we have introduced, this new flowering Caladium is one of the most important and valuable. The splendid Gladiolus Childs, or Rudbeckia Golden Glow, are not more wonderful than this. We first offered it last year at \$1.00 each, and had orders for many thousand more than we could supply. Our stock this year is very large and fine.

Well established plants, by mail, 50c. each; 3 for \$1.00. Extra large plants, by Express (too large to mail), \$1.00 each; 3 for \$2.00.



New Striped Tomato, Diadem

Here we have at last what leading horticulturists all over the world have devoted years to producing. A tomato of high quality with a beautifully striped or variegated skin. Can you imagine anything more unique? Diadem is a tomato of medium size, perfect shape, high quality and of a deep ruby red, the rich, dark color of the skin being broken with stripes and spots of old gold, the beautiful effect of which is admirably shown in above cut. This most unique novelty is still better represented on colored plate in the January (1897) Mayflower, where it is reviewed as one of the important novelties of the year. Not only is it beautiful, but in points of excellence in other respects it is quite up to Picture Rock, which is now the standard of perfection. As all our customers will want this fine novelty, we offer it at only 10c. per pkt.; 3 pkts. for 25c.



Peanut, Early Sweet.

Grow some Peanuts for the children. Not at all hard to grow, and stands heat and drouth like a salamander. This sort is so early that it ripens in all the Northern States and in Canada, while its quality is of the very best, the nuts being exceedingly sweet and rich when roasted. Any light, sandy, or loose soil suits them. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 20c.; quart, 30c.

Japanese Climbing Cucumber

This Cucumber is such a strong and vigorous grower that the vines attain twice the height of ordinary varieties. The vines climb readily and may be grown on fences, poles or trellises, thus saving much valuable space in small gardens. The fruits are of a fine, lovely green color, about a foot in length. Flesh, thick and firm, and of splendid quality. Never bitter, and exceedingly fine for pickling as well as for slicing. The vines never mildew, and the fruit being raised well above the ground is always free from insects, rot or rust. When picked freely a vine will continue bearing during the entire season, and one hill will keep a good-sized family supplied with this delicious vegetable all summer. Pkt. 10c.; oz. 25c.



If you possess our large Catalogue, or have no use for this, we would thank you very much to hand it to some one who loves and cultivates flowers.

ESTEEMED FRIEND:—One of our customers, a friend of yours, has sent us your name that you might receive this Catalogue of Specialties and Novelties. We assume that you love and cultivate Flowers, Vegetables or Fruits, and will, therefore, be glad to examine it. If so, you will certainly see something herein offered which you will desire to have, and we trust you will not hesitate to send for it, be it only one item, for we want to place your name on our list of customers, which now numbers over 400,000.

We will be glad to send you our large Catalogue of 152 pages and 12 Colored Plates FREE, if you desire to select a more general assortment of Seeds, Bulbs, Plants or Fruits, than this Special Catalogue contains.

THIS SPECIAL CATALOGUE contains in a condensed form the strongest and best Novelties and Special Offers of our large, regular Catalogue. We hope, through its medium, to open up a business acquaintance with thousands of lovers of flowers who are not, as yet, our customers. For this purpose we send it free to all who desire it. We call attention to our Superior Flower Seeds, Grand Gladiolus, Azaleas, Callas, Begonias, Cannas, New Roses, Chrysanthemums, Carnations, Caladiums, Rare New Fruits, etc. And last, but not least, do not fail to subscribe for our floral monthly magazine, **The Mayflower**, and secure its superb premium, as per offer on Cover.

We solicit from you, dear reader, a trial order, large or small. When once you have tested our superior goods, we believe you will always remain a customer. We shall certainly try to please you.

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Free By Mail.—We send Seeds, Bulbs and Plants FREE BY MAIL at the prices named in this Catalogue. This brings them to the very doors of our customers without trouble or expense. To some points, where the large express companies touch, we can send some orders as cheaply by express as by mail. In such cases we send by express, postpaid, and notify the purchasers to that effect. If a package is ordered to go by express, we do not pay the charges; but larger plants can be sent in this way.

We Guarantee that every package we send out shall reach its destination in good condition, and that everything shall be received exactly as ordered. If a package is lost, or any of its contents injured on the way, we will send again. We also guarantee everything true to name.

We Pack all plants carefully in strong boxes, which insures their safe transit through the mails to the remotest part of the country or abroad.

We Fill all orders as soon as received, if the stock is ready. Customers who wish their order, or any part of it, booked for shipping at a later date should state the fact.

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Forward Money with the order, and at our risk, when sent by Post Office Money Order on Floral Park; greenbacks or gold and silver coin, by Registered Letter; Bank Draft or Express Company's Money Order. Post Office Money Orders are by far the cheapest and the safest method for remitting, and nearly all post offices issue them. The fee on a Money Order is only 3 or 5 cents for small sums. We send with this Catalogue an order sheet, an envelope and a blank application for a Money Order to us, and earnestly request our patrons to remit by Money Order if possible.

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Be Sure to write your name and address plainly. We have on our books hundreds of orders of last year without names, others without post office or state, and some with the name or post office written in such a careless or illegible manner that it is impossible to read them. Keep a correct copy of your order, that you may know, when the packages arrive if all is correct, as people often forget what they ordered, and complain without cause.

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Address all orders, etc.,

JOHN LEWIS CHILDS, FLORAL PARK, N. Y.

SPECIALTIES AND NOVELTIES

IN CHOICE NEW BULBS, PLANTS AND FRUITS.

We call special attention to our grand Gladiolus. Also to the Winter Gem Rose, Caladiums, Callas, Giant Cannas, Begonias, Gloxinias, Tritoma, Rudbeckia, Chrysanthemums, New Fruits, etc.



Verbena Mayflower.

We can furnish fine plants propagated from the original plant of this great new Verbena. Its great merits are color and fragrance like the Trailing Arbutus or Mayflower. The greatest novelty last year. 15c. each; 3 for 30c.; 6 for 50c.; Seed, 20c. pkt.

New Abutilons.

Unlike the ordinary Abutilons of scraggy growth, they are very compact and short jointed, making a neat pot plant. The flowers are the most beautiful we have ever seen among Abutilons, being very large, yet short and beautifully cupped and of the most lovely colors. It is safe to say that these varieties will produce five times as much bloom as others.

Infanta Eulalia—This is perfection itself. Plants dwarf and short jointed, producing exquisite large cupped blossoms by the score from the time the plant is four inches high. Blooms all the time summer and winter. Color, a most beautiful soft satin-pink.

Wm. McKinley—Like the above, except in color, which is a beautiful clear lemon yellow of exquisite loveliness.

Price, 20c. each; the two for 30c.

Otaheite Orange.

An extra fine pot plant with glossy green leaves, the true fragrant orange blossoms and abundant little bright oranges, that will hang on the little bush like balls of gold for six months after they are ripe. They will bloom and fruit in a two-inch pot, and we have seen a plant in a common window that was 15 inches high and had 23 oranges on it. When in good sunlight they are never out of fruit from one year's end to another, and at least two-thirds of the time are in flower also. The fruit is very sweet and handsome. Could we have but one plant in our window it would be an Otaheite Orange. In beauty, grace and fragrance there is nothing like its delicate leaf-sprays of bloom, so indescribably exquisite, dainty, lovely and adorable. Fine plants for blooming and fruiting at once, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Begonia Vernon.

No other kinds of flowering Begonias can begin to compare with the varieties of B. Vernon for beauty and constant bloom. They are so much superior to others that we have concluded to offer none but these. Plants flower perpetually all the year round, the plants being completely covered with bloom at all times especially during winter.

Crimson—Produces a profusion of dark crimson flowers.

White—Splendid large blossoms, pure white.

Pink—Lovely blush and pink shades.

Price, 15c. each; 3 for 30c., or \$1.00 per dozen.

Seed—All colors mixed, 10c. pkt.



Azalea Indica.

Elegant pot plants, much used for Easter decorations. Though attaining a good size commence to bloom when very small. The flowers are large and very beautiful, always much admired, and range from white to deep crimson in color, with all intermediate shades and markings. Easily grown in a window. Our plants are finest new varieties, imported last year, and are greatly superior to the older well-known sorts. Many of them are very double, and the colors of all are greatly improved, as well as the flowering qualities. We have such a large and fine stock of Azaleas that we can offer them at unprecedented low prices. All the plants we send out are of blooming size.

Niobe—Fine double white, flower large, bush compact.

Bernard Andres—A good double flower of a rich rosy purplish color.

Emperor of Brazil—Deep rose, with white. A most lovely shade, and a large double flower. A splendid variety in every respect.

Simon Marduer—Large double rose or deep pink.

Dr. D. Moore—Lovely rose with white and violet reflex. Perfectly exquisite.

Mad. Paul de Schreyver—Elegant, large, double red.

Mad. Vandercruyssen—Lovely rose, with large blotch.

Raphael—Immense double white.

Deutsche Perle—Large double white. Very early.

Ceres—Fine double white, striped crimson. Great bloomer.

Apollo—Deep brick red, semi-double and fine.

C. de. W. Anne—Double, rosy pink, flaked white.

25c. each; 5 for \$1.00; the 12 for \$2.00.

Mixed Azaleas.

A very fine collection of more than 25 of the finest sorts mixed, double and single. These will give great satisfaction. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 7 for \$1.00.

Golden Leaved Salvia.

One of the finest Foliage and Flowering Plants in Cultivation.

Habit, compact, short-jointed and branching, with an abundance of foliage, which is of a fine yellow shade, hardly a trace of green about it. The flowers are a light transparent scarlet of exceptional brilliancy. The color of the foliage is constant and does not change when bedded out in the hot sun. In fact, its color is perhaps intensified by heat. The brilliancy of the flowers against the yellow foliage produces the most striking effect we have ever observed in any plant. Not only is the plant a fine bedder but it is also a magnificent pot plant blooming at any and all times of the year without intermission. For winter it is particularly fine, and the most brilliant plant that can be grown in one's window or conservatory. Strong plants, 15c. each; 5 for 50c. Seed (will bloom in 3 months), 20c. per packet.



Shining Alocasia.

A grand plant for ornamental foliage effect in the garden. Leaf stems rise to the height of 4 to 5 feet having immense Caladium-like leaves which are of a very dark green with a handsome metallic luster which gives them a still darker appearance. Grows freely in any position, and makes a truly tropical appearance. Plants may be wintered in pots or in pits or cellars. Nothing finer for ornamental bedding, or for single specimens. As a tub plant it is also immense, its luxuriant growth and the fine appearance of the dark shining metallic leaves attracts attention when other plants are not noticed. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 7 for \$1.00.

"Painted" Moonflowers.

The grand new large flowering Japanese Imperial Morning Glories have been termed "Painted Moonflowers" on account of their large Moonflower-like blossoms, varied and unique colors. They are not, however, night bloomers, but equal in size. See page 23. Pkt., 10c.



NEW SWEET-SCENTED BEGONIA.



Begonia.

NEW SWEET-SCENTED.

These are brand new, and were shown on the Colored Covers of THE MAY-FLOWER, June issue, 1899, and created a great sensation. Hundreds of people wrote asking where the plants might be purchased, so great was the interest aroused. Not only are the flowers deliciously scented, but they are borne in the most fascinatingly beautiful sprays, clusters a foot to eighteen inches wide, loose, graceful and charming. Plants fine, vigorous growers, with luxuriant and beautiful leaves, and the flowers are borne at all times of year, particularly in fall and winter. Extra fine for the holidays. The two colors harmonize, and produce a most lovely effect. These are Novelties of the highest order.

Sweet-Scented White—Pure white.

Sweet-Scented Pink—Charming sea-shell pink.

Fine Plants, 40c. each; one of each for 60c.

Begonia.

Double Dwarf Vernon

A new dwarf form of the fine Double Vernon Begonias offered on foregoing page. Plant dwarf and compact, loaded at all times with fine double crimson blossoms; a perfect little gem. New this year. 25c. each; 3 for 60c.

Hybrid Begonia Seed.

We offer a grand mixture of fine large flowering Begonias, Choice Hybridized Seed of all kinds, including Sweet-Scented, Double Vernon, Bismarck, Mastodon, Luxuriant, etc., etc. This is the finest Mixed Begonia Seed ever offered and will produce an endless variety of fine sorts. Pkt., 15c.



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NEW
FANCY LEAVED
CALADIUMS.

Fancy Caladiums.

Easy to grow in summer either in beds or pots. For piazza or summer conservatory decoration they are unrivalled. Their beautifully shaped and glossy foliage is elegantly variegated in the most telling manner. One, perhaps, is regularly dotted with round raised spots of white, another is ribbed and veined with pink or scarlet, or yellow, while still another is flashed or marbled with white or shaded almost black. In fact, the immense leaves are so marked with delicate and vivid colors, as to make them as showy as great and peculiar flowers. The small early leaves do not always show all the fine colors of the large ones which come later. Our collection is superb, comprising over 80 named kinds of which the following are the best.

Duc de Ratavor—White and dark green beautifully mottled.

Green band around each leaf and wide ribs of dark red.

Louis Duplessis—Fine net-work of green veins on white ground. Extra large ribs of intense crimson.

Wright—Dark green with large distinct spots of pure white and deep crimson.

Ed. Moreau—Ground color of leaf emerald green with distinct crimson ribs of numerous splashes of pure white.

Dr. Neubrunner—Ground color of leaf very light olive-green shading to white. Numerous large crimson spots.

Jupiter—Very dark olive-green with metallic luster. Large, distinct ribs of bright crimson, freely mottled white.

L' Aurora—Deep sea-green with pink-shaded center and prominent pale pink ribs.

Mons. A. Hardy—Magnificent large leaf, the ground color being composed of an intricate net-work of white, green and crimson with large blood-crimson mid-ribs.

Napoleon III.—Enormous size leaf, almost as large as Caladium Esculentum. Deep olive-green shading toward the center to lighter olive. Crimson center with bright crimson mid-ribs and large splashes of blood-red.

Princess Alexander—Ground color of leaf delicate pink, the mid-ribs and veins being dark olive-green.

Reine Victoria—Deep, lustrous green freely mottled with white, and a few spots of crimson.

Guambara—Very light olive-green, almost white, freely spotted with lavender. The center and fork of the leaf showing deep crimson. A rarely fine sort.

Berose—Very dark green freely mottled with pink.

Clio—Delicate pink interwoven with a lace-work of green veins. Mid-ribs dark olive-green, and a double border of green around each leaf.

Price.—Above sorts, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; the 1st for \$2.00.

Mixed Fancy Caladiums.

A grand assortment, some 100 kinds, many of them very rare and grand. 15c. each; \$1.50 per doz.

7 Beauties for \$3.00.

For \$3.00 we will send 7 extra fine new and rare sorts which are perfectly immense. Space does not allow us to give names and descriptions.

New Carnations.

During the past few years great strides have been made toward improving the Carnation, the florist's skill in this direction being well shown in the following varieties of recent introduction. Their superiority appears in many points, but more especially in large size of flowers, vigor of growth, freedom of bloom, exquisite color and fragrance. For pot culture none are so good as the following: In Blue Bedder and Lawson we have two very distinct new sorts of great value.

Big Pink—Enormous size and the finest shade of pink yet produced. Superb large petals and a large, round bloom of the most perfect points and greatest beauty. Long stems, solid calyx, bright, lively pink color.

White Cloud—Fine, pure snow-white, on long stems. Flowers of gigantic size, very double and beautifully formed. Its fragrance is rich and it is a persistent bloomer. All in all probably the best pure white variety.

Eldorado—Finest canary-yellow, slightly tipped rose. Best yellow variety.

Gen'l Maceo—Very full, deeply fringed flower, 2½ in. to 2¾ in. in diameter, on stiff, wiry stems, 12 in. to 18 in. long under ordinary culture. Under extra culture blooms 3 in. in diameter, on 18-in. stems, may be grown. Ground color, deep, brilliant scarlet, heavily overlaid with maroon-black, making one of the darkest and richest shades yet seen in Carnations, fully as rich and striking as the Meteor Rose. Habit erect, stiff, wiry. Foliage covered with rich glaucous bloom. The most profuse and abundant bloomer we have ever grown, outblooming every other variety. Flower an excellent keeper, and can remain on the plant six or eight days, and we have kept it three and a-half weeks in a cool room. The best dark Carnation grown.

Price 15c. each; the 4 for 50c.; \$1.00. per doz.

Carnation, Mrs. Lawson.

This is one of the sensational novelties of the times, and it is said that thirty thousand dollars was paid for the original stock plants by the introducer. It is probably the largest Carnation grown, its flowers borne on magnificent long stems, and are of a most lovely pink shade, quite unlike any other. As a cut flower it is by far the best Carnation known. Strong plants, 25c. each; 5 for \$1.00.

4 Carnation Novelties.

The following 4 superb sorts are of our own production and are offered now for the first time.

Pure Gold—Beautiful large flower borne on long stiff stems. Exquisite fragrant petals deeply serrated, and color dark yellow with a few faint marks of pink.

Fred Douglas—A grand flower, almost black in color being such a deep dark crimson, large size, rich fragrance, and beautiful round petals, in this respect quite distinct.

Torch—Extra large flower, brilliant scarlet in color, and borne on stems 3 feet long. Petals beautifully fringed. Best scarlet variety.

Collath—Probably the largest flower except Lawson. Color orange-scarlet, quite a new and distinct shade. Its monstrous flowers are borne on stems 3 feet long.

Price 25c. each; the 4 for 80c.

Superb New Carnation, Blue Bedder.

This new Carnation is as important and valuable as a bedder as Lawson is for cut flower purposes. While the flowers are not actually blue, they are of a bluish-violet color the blue shade being at times very pronounced. The plant is of a stout, compact habit and will bloom in the garden profusely all summer long. A great many flower stems are sent up, each bearing an average of 12 flowers, and on the original plants we

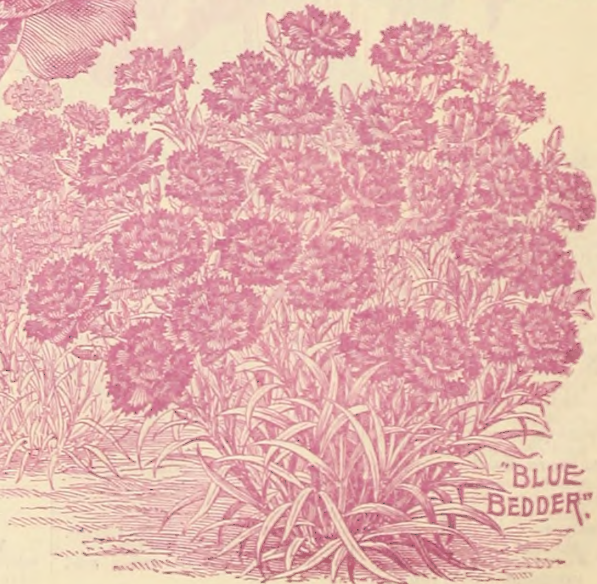
have seen as many as 50 to 60 flowers on each plant at one time. It is good as a winter bloomer but is particularly fine for summer bedding, owing to the fact that it at all times shows a great many flowers which are very double and perfect in form, odd and unique in color. There is not another color among Carnations like it, or, to our mind, one so exquisitely beautiful. Added to this it has the strongest and finest clove fragrance of any Carnation we have ever grown, surpassing by a long way the choicest hot-house varieties. We claim for it superiority to any other Carnation in three particulars, namely: color, fragrance and profusion of bloom. From a few plants one may cut flowers every day during the summer and fall, and when brought inside it still continues blooming during the winter. It is certainly one of our greatest and most important novelties for this year. Fine plants 30c. each; 4 for \$1.00.

For \$1.50 we will send the 10 sorts here offered



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"LAWSON" CARNATION.



"BLUE
BEDDER"



Childs' Dwarf Ever-blooming Calla.

This is of a dwarf habit and does not grow tall and scraggly like the old variety, but is strong and compact, with a great abundance of lustrous dark green foliage. It is a true everbloomer, its flowers appearing in great abundance both summer and winter when grown in pots, or it will bloom profusely all summer long in open ground, and being potted in September will continue blooming without intermission all winter. The same plant will grow and bloom for years without once ceasing, and the quantity of bloom which a good plant will produce is astonishing. It is estimated that six plants of the old sort will not produce so many flowers in the course of a year as will one plant of this new dwarf variety. A large plant is hardly ever without one or more flowers, and its dwarf, compact habit makes it a much more desirable pot plant than the old variety. Its flowers are of large size and snowy white in color. Price, 25c. each; 3 for 60c.

Spotted Calla.

The leaves of this beautiful Calla are deep green, with numerous white spots, which give the plants a magnificent appearance. 15c. each; 3 for 30c.

New Sweet-Scented Calla Fragrans.

Probably the greatest novelty of last year. It is identical with Childs' Dwarf Everblooming, possessing the additional charm of delicious fragrance. This new Calla was originated by Luther Burbank, of Cal., who speaks of it thus: "The plants are of medium size, compact in growth and bloom profusely. It has not only a most charming flower produced in a profusion never before surpassed, but also with a genuine, sweet, lasting fragrance all its own, but similar to the fragrance of Violets or Lilies." With us it blooms all the time, and the flowers are very large and fine. 25c. each; 3 for 60c.

Calla, Little Gem.

A perfect miniature Calla, growing 8 to 12 inches high, and producing perpetually very large snow white blossoms. It begins to bloom when only a few inches high in a three or four-inch pot, and a well-established plant in a large pot is never without flowers, summer or winter and sometimes shows a dozen at once. Our stock is true. Fine plants, 15c. each; 3 for 30c.





Boston Ferns.

The finest decorative plants in cultivation, and in addition to the well known standard variety, we are able to offer several new and most unique varieties. All as robust vigorous and as easily grown as the original Boston Fern.

Boston Fern (ORIGINAL)—Of all decorative plants for house culture this is perhaps the most imposing and satisfactory. It is so hardy that it will stand and thrive in most any situation in a room, even if out of the sun's rays. No Fern is so good in this respect. Plants form an immense number of graceful drooping fronds, varying in length from two to five feet, and always of a fresh, healthy, and beautiful green color. These fronds keep in perfect condition for years. We cannot too highly recommend it. Fine plants, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Narrow Frond Boston Fern—Fronds of this sort are much narrower than the above, longer and very graceful and handsome. 25c. each.

Broad Frond Boston Fern—Fronds twice the width of the ordinary Boston Fern, not quite so long, therefore presenting a very distinct appearance. Exceedingly handsome. 40c. each.

Tuberous-Rooted Boston Fern—In foliage this does not differ much from the original variety, but numerous bulbs, the shape of sparrow-eggs are formed on the roots which may be taken and kept dry for months without killing their vitality. When planted they sprout and grow like any other bulb. 30c. each.

Stag Horn Boston Fern—Elegant broad fronds, the edges being flattened and divided into many wide prongs resembling a stag's horn. The most unique and beautiful of all Boston Ferns. 50c. each.

Pigmy Boston Fern—This is the real gem of the lot. A plant makes a dense mass of hundreds of beautiful fronds no wider than one's finger, which grow to a considerable length and curve most gracefully. For small pots and baskets it is the finest thing yet introduced. Grows readily in any window or on a veranda in the open air and is an object of exquisite beauty the whole year, summer and winter. By far the most valuable of all the Boston Ferns and will, when known, be the most popular. Fine plants 30c. each; 4 for \$1.00; 10 for \$2.00.

SPECIAL OFFER—For \$1.25 we will send one fine plant each of these 5 Boston Ferns.



The Great Ismene.

Those who are familiar with the true Ismene cannot say enough in praise of its beauty and purity. The flowers are of very large size, like an Amaryllis, novel form, and of snowy whiteness, and are also exceedingly fragrant. It is really one of the most lovely of all the great Amaryllis tribe, having a peculiar grandeur which one can appreciate at sight, but cannot describe. Bulbs are large and strong and begin to flower in two or three weeks after planting, sending up tall flower stems, which bear several of its magnificent blossoms. As a pot plant it is grand, and as a garden bulb treated like a Gladiolus it is one of the choicest of all flowers. Do not fail to try it. It will more than please you for it is superior to the Bermuda Easter Lily as a flowering bulb. Strong flowering bulbs, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 7 for \$1.00.

The Yellow Calla.

The Yellow Calla (*Calla Hastata*) is one of the rarest and most eagerly sought of all bulbs. They should be potted in the spring and they will start growth at once and commence blooming in a short time. The bulbs are strong and send up numerous flowers, which are a bright golden yellow with a black center. The color is one of the most beautiful shades of yellow seen among flowers, and the jet black center lends to the blossom a peculiar charm. Bulbs are very scarce, and a year or two ago sold at \$1.50 each. We now have a large stock of strong flowering bulbs which we offer at 30c. each; 2 for 50c.



Filifera Palm.

One of the best window Palms, needing no petting to succeed. Stands dust and dry air, and lack of sunshine, and is very ornamental with its elegant fan-shaped leaves, of a rich, dark, leathery green, picturesquely fringed with long, thread-like filaments along the segments of the leaves. The plant is a compact grower, well adapted to pot culture, succeeding in any situation, and with any treatment that will keep a Geranium alive. It will make a grand ornament during winter, and in summer it can adorn a veranda, or be placed in any shady place about the garden or yard, or used for a center in a vase, basket or flower bed—always ornamental anywhere. All plants of the fan-leaved sorts have, when young, leaves of a long, narrow shape, developing the round, fan-shaped ones as they grow older. Strong plants, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 7 for \$1.00. Seed, per paper, 10c.



Rudbeckia, "Golden Glow."

A hardy perennial plant growing eight feet high, branching freely, and bearing by the hundreds on long, graceful stems, exquisite double blossoms of the brightest golden color, and as large as Cactus Dahlias. The cut represents a spray of bloom, as photographed. Mr. William Falconer, the best authority on plants in this country, says of it: "When I saw the double-flowering form of Rudbeckia Laciniata in bloom in your grounds at Floral Park, I was amazed, for I had never before seen a double-flowered Rudbeckia; and I was delighted with the fullness and gorgeousness of the blossoms, and their clear, bright yellow color. The plant you gave me grew vigorously and threw up strong, branching flower stems six feet high, laden with sheaves of golden blossoms as large as fair Chrysanthemums, and all having an elegant, graceful appearance, without any of the stiffness in habit or blossom peculiar to Sunflowers. Many eminent florists and amateurs have seen it here, and all admired it. As cut flowers the blossoms last well. In fine, I unhesitatingly regard it as the most desirable introduction among hardy perennials since we got Clematis Paniculata." It is the most effective flowering plant for August and September in cultivation.

Strong plants which will bloom freely this season, 12c. each; 5 for 50c.; 12 for \$1.00.

Everblooming Chrysanthemums.

1 perfectly Double and Bloom from July to January.

Plants begin budding and blooming on our grounds in July and on Nov. 1st were still full of flowers and buds, while those in pots continue blooming far into the winter. It may be used either as a garden or pot plant, and is perfectly hardy in the open ground. The flowers are of the Chinese type, perfectly double and produced by the hundreds. No other sort can equal it in profusion. Plants of dwarf habit, 18 to 24 inches high with perfectly healthy foliage and enormous branches, all of which produce bloom. Mr. Duncan says that the plants in his garden have always begun blooming by July 4th, and are perfectly hardy any winter without protection. A new Chrysanthemum which may be grown either in the garden or in pots, and which will produce such a crop of fine double white flowers for so great a part of the year must certainly be regarded as the greatest modern Novelty. With us plants bloom beautifully all the summer and fall in open ground, and at all times of the year in pots.

Everblooming, White—Pure white, full double.

Everblooming, Yellow—Bright golden-yellow.

15c. each; the 2 for 25c. or more at 10c. each.



EVERBLOOMING CHRYSANTHEMUM.

New Roses.

Winter Gem—This is the greatest Rose Novelty in years, owing both to its beauty and to its unparalleled blooming qualities. It is a Tea Rose of remarkably strong and vigorous growth and a prodigious bloomer all the year. It flowers all the time, particularly during winter, hence its name. The blossoms are borne on long, graceful stems, are of large size and a lovely crimson-purple color. Buds perfectly exquisite and the open flower full and double. It is the strongest, hardiest, most vigorous and rapid-growing Tea Rose in cultivation. One plant of it will produce more good Roses throughout the year than 12 plants of any other Tea Rose grown. This is saying a good deal, but it is true. The plant will bloom continually, and nothing but killing it outright will check it. The blossoms are singularly beautiful in shape, color and poise, and most deliciously scented. More fragrant than any other Tea Rose. It is so strong and vigorous that it never mildews, and a rapid grower, blooming at once from small cuttings. The greatest Rose for amateurs, and one that will positively bloom at all times of year. Strong plants, 25c. each; 3 for 50c.

Childs' Jewel—The most remarkable Rose in cultivation. It produces flowers which range in color from dark orange-yellow to crimson, variegated, blotched, mottled, etc. A plant in bloom shows no two flowers alike. Some will be dark yellow, others light yellow, buff, saffron, light and dark crimson, pink, blush, apricot, etc., while others will be variegated in a most beautiful manner. 15c. each.



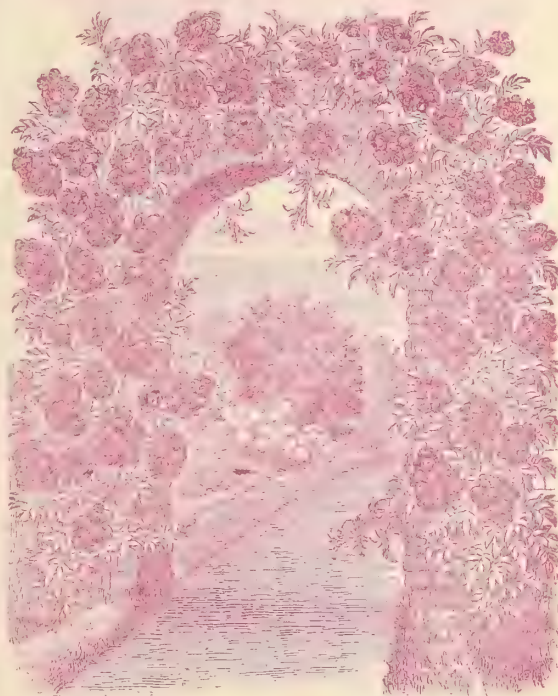
Crimson Rambler—This new Rose is the sensation of the hour, and well it may be, for it is indeed a marvel. It originated in Scotland, and is a hardy, ever-blooming, climbing Polyanthus. It is perfectly hardy in the open ground, will grow 8 to 10 feet in a season, is in bloom all the time from early spring to late fall, the flowers appearing in great panicles as large as a man's hat and of a deep, rich crimson color, like blood-colored velvet. The flowers, when cut, last two weeks in water, and fully a month on the bush, which is a perfect mass of rich crimson at all times. It can be grown in various ways, as a pillar rose, as a trellis rose, and for covering a wall it has no equal, and when pegged down it will form a bed of itself. Cut back it is a magnificent pot rose for the window. It is always in bloom, even when very small, and is easily trimmed to a bushy grower. Being the introducer in this country, we have the largest and finest stock of this superb Rose. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Climbing Meteor—Buds exquisite; flowers large, beautifully shaped, and of that rich, dark, velvety crimson color seen only in the Jacqueminot. For winter blooming it is just the Rose to train upon a conservatory or bay window, where its exquisite blossoms will show to wonderful advantage. 20c. each.

Climbing Bride—Like Climbing Meteor, but pure white, very large, double and fragrant. 20c. each.

Highland Mary—A sport from Agrippina, which originated in Canada, and, like that fine old variety, is a persistent bloomer both summer and winter, with a stronger and better growth; flowers double the size and exceedingly sweet. As to color, it is without exception the most exquisitely and delicately colored Rose we ever saw. Blossoms beautifully cupped, each petal being white with a delicate lemon tinge; just enough to make it perfectly exquisite. But this is not all; each petal is also bordered with a delicate band of pink, which blending with the white and lemon tinge, makes a combination which is truly fascinating. No other Rose in the world like it. It will bloom all the time, either in the garden or in pots; is hardy in the open ground with slight protection, and a most exquisite variety for cutting. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

SPECIAL OFFER.—One each of these 6 grand New Ever-blooming Roses for \$1.00.



CRIMSON RAMBLER.

RARE NEW FRUITS.

In our regular Catalogue, 16 pages are devoted to New Fruits, some of the best of which are offered here. In fact the Blackberries, Raspberries and Peach here offered are the finest in existence.



Childs' Everbearing Tree Blackberry.

For a Blackberry, it is the largest, finest flavored, most prolific, fruiting for two months, and requires no stakes. It grows from five to seven feet high, branching freely into a fine tree form, as seen in the cut, straight and erect. The berries are of enormous size, equalled only by the Eric, borne in large clusters, which commence to ripen early in July and continue into September, making the fruiting season nearly two months or more. The finest Blackberries we ever ate we picked about September first from some of these plants, which had been ripening fruit since July 8th. They are exceedingly sweet, juicy and delicious, melting in the mouth without a particle of hard core. Its delicate flavor, great productiveness, enormous size, long season of bearing, and perfect hardiness in the coldest parts of the country, make it the most valuable of all berries for family use. Some of our customers who bought it last year report that the plants fruited last summer and berries proved to be the largest and finest ever seen, and that the symmetrical branching of the plants makes them perfect little trees.

Price, first quality, 20c. each; 2 for 50c.; 12 for \$1.50.

Iceberg Blackberry.

It bears loads of delicious, snowy berries, which are not only white, but so transparent that the seeds, which are unusually small, may be seen in the ripe berries. "Clusters larger than those of Lawton; berries at least as large, earlier, sweeter and more tender and melting throughout, though as firm as Lawton is, when ripe." No garden should be without this grand White Blackberry. Strong plants, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 7 for \$1.00; 15 for \$2.00.



Tree Strawberry, OR STRAWBERRY-RASPBERRY.

This is one of the most unique and at the same time the largest and most beautiful berry of any kind that has yet appeared before the public. It comes to us from Japan and is of the Raspberry family, though in many respects it resembles a Strawberry, growing on a bush two feet high. The plant is entirely hardy in any location, and a most fast yielder, ripening an enormous crop of fruit in July and August, and more or less all the time up to November. The quality of the fruit is called good, though not so finely flavored as either the Strawberry or Raspberry, but quite as good as most Blackberries. It is very fine when cooked, and a jelly which has a unique flavor, and is superior to that of any other fruit. In habit of growth the plant is from both the fruits named. The root is perennial, sending up numerous, strong, branching shoots, which are with its large, beautiful berries the whole summer, early in July until freezing weather, rendering it a perpetual bearer. The canes or shoots die to the earth in winter, new ones being thrown up the following spring, which begin blooming and setting fruit at once. The foliage is green in color, bright, clean, cheerful and pleasing, and exempt from attacks of all insects and diseases. The berries are globular, slightly oblong in form, monstrous in size, a rich, glossy, ruby-red color, sweet and melting. 15c. each; 5 for 50c.; 12 for \$1.00; 30 for \$2.00; Seed, 10c. per pkt.

Raspberry.

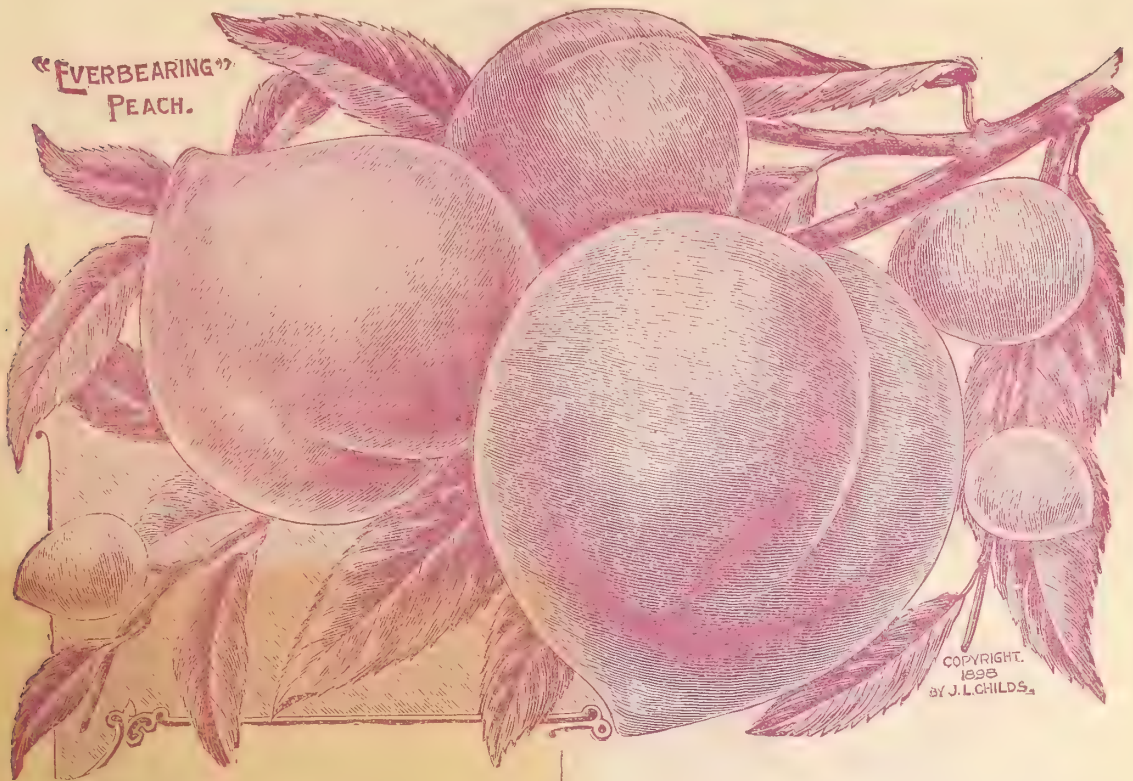
Souchet Everbearing White—An extra large berry of a beautiful light

amber, almost pure white color. Plant has the same general habit as Childs' Allsummer, but it is better for dry soils. Perfectly hardy, vigorous and a great cropper both summer and fall. The fruit is of extra fine quality. In fact, we think it the finest flavored of all Raspberries, therefore most desirable for the home garden. Its beautiful color contrasting with red or black varieties, makes a very appetizing dish when served together. In many respects this is the very finest Raspberry in cultivation.

Allsummer—Like the above, a true everbearer, the berries being large and deep ruby-red in color, contrasting finely with the white variety.

Price, 15c. each; the two for 25c., or \$1.00 per dozen.





Strawberry,

GREAT WASHINGTON.

The real giant among big Strawberries. This important new sort originated in the State of Washington. Samples which we received in February were potted, and bore fine fruit in April. Several hundred plants planted out in April fruited fairly well, though no fruit was expected the first season. The berry is not only the very largest and handsomest in cultivation, but by all odds the best flavored. It is also a great cropper, and vines are extremely healthy and vigorous, a merit not possessed by any other large sort. What more need be said. It is certainly the grandest Strawberry ever introduced. 60c. per doz.; \$2.00 per 100.



The Everbearing Peach.

This is one of the most remarkable of Peaches, as it combines many desirable qualities which make it of great value for family use. 1.—Its long continued bearing period. The first ripening begins about in July, and successive crops are produced until the beginning of November. Fruit in all stages of development—ripe and half grown—may be seen upon the tree at the same time. Two-year-old trees bear freely. 2.—As the tree blossoms during a long period, a complete failure has never happened since the original tree first began to bear, ten years ago. 3.—The fruit is creamy white, mottled and striped with light purple and with pink veins; oblong in shape, and tapering to the apex; flesh white, with red veins near the skin; very juicy, vinous and of excellent flavor; quality very best. Freestone, of the Indian type. No praise can do justice to this magnificent novelty. It is really one of the finest things we ever offered. Good size, prolific, best quality, and bears continuously for three months. What more can be desired? Fine trees for fruiting next year, by mail, 30c. each; 3 for 75c.; 7 for \$1.50.

Apple, Bismarck.

This new dwarf Apple is indeed a wonder. Little trees a foot or so in height will bear a few apples of enormous size, either growing in pots or in the ground. A little tree 12 inches high, which we imported from France last winter, bore a fine large apple the following summer. Fruit very large, of brilliant color, and borne freely on trees two years old. A most unique pot plant and a fine little tree for the garden, the great apples on such very small trees attracting great attention. 30c. each; 2 for 50c.



SPECIALTIES IN CHOICE SELECT FLOWER SEEDS.

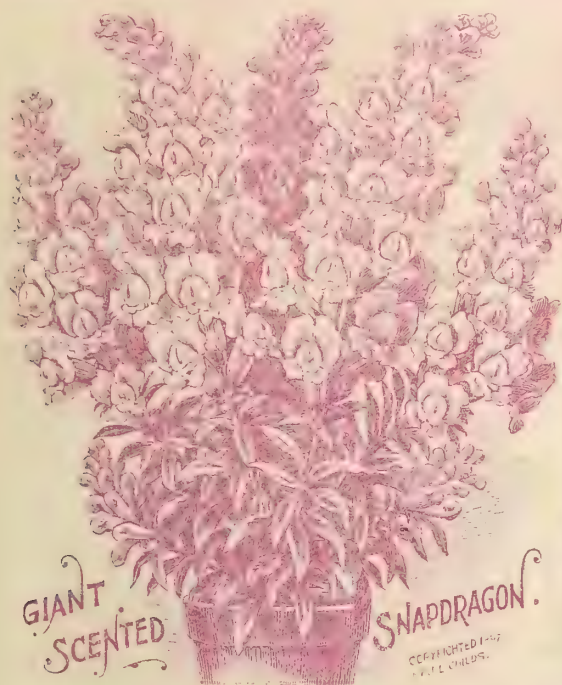
Our Special Improved Strains of Leading Annuals, Perennials and Climbers.

ONLY SELECT SEEDS OF IMPROVED STRAINS OFFERED.

The ordinary commercial grades of flower seeds, such as are usually sold, can be and are sold at a very low price. They are grown and harvested in large crops, much like grain. They are produced cheaply, sold cheaply, and are, in fact, cheap in ever sense of the word; and he who sows them has no right to complain at their poor quality. They cannot possibly be anything else. Seed of high quality can be produced only by thorough, careful, painstaking and expensive methods. We do not offer our Customers the ordinary commercial grades of seed. Our stocks are special strains of special varieties bred up to the highest mark of perfection and selected with great care, and for this reason we grow and offer but a limited number of varieties,—only those which are of the greatest merit and sure to give satisfaction everywhere. The very best varieties, bred up to an unequalled mark of perfection, has made our seeds famous the world over.

PRICES:

We will give THREE packets of any ONE kind for the sum that TWO packets would cost. For instance, any one variety listed for 5c., three packets of it may be had for 10c. Any one 10c. pkt., three pkts. may be had for 20c.; three pkts. of a 15c. sort for 30c. etc.



Antirrhinum, Giant Scented, OR SNAPDRAGON.

A new giant-flowered strain of the grand old Snap-dragon, which in size and beauty of bloom, either in pots or garden, almost equals Gladiolus. Per pkt.

Giant White—This remarkable new plant has jumped into foremost place among choice winter-bloomers. No novelty in our greenhouses has attracted the attention or received praise equal to this. It is a perpetual bloomer, compact and branching in habit, sending up flower spikes by the dozen, one to two feet in length, almost as large as and more beautiful than Gladiolus. Color, pure white, with lemon-tinted throat and of a lovely fragrance. Flowers keep two weeks after being cut. It has created a sensation in the New York flower market.10

Giant Yellow—Exactly like the above except in color, which is a beautiful canary yellow.10

Giant Crimson—Largest of all. Exceedingly fine.10

Giant Mixed—Many colors, including the above, all large and exceedingly fragrant. Try them.10

Alyssum.

A favorite little annual, because of its fragrance and abundance of bloom. As easy to grow as any weed, and blooms from early summer until severe freezing weather in fall. Sow seed very early in open ground. Dainty little plants for hanging baskets or small pots. Good for cutting or button-hole bouquets.

Sweet—Racemes of small cruciform white flowers, honey-scented and never out of bloom.5

Little Gem—An improved variety; much larger flowers, of a pure white, and, if possible, more floriferous than the old sweet. Plant is also more robust and spreading, a single plant forming a thick mat of flowers and foliage 12 to 15 inches across. 300 spikes in full bloom can be counted on a good plant at one time.10

Bellis, or Double Daisy.

Double, Mixed Colors—White, crimson, rose and variegated; very double.5

Double White—Pure color; handsome flower.

Maxima, or Giant Daisy—No amount of praise can be too lavish for this new form of the charming Double Daisy, which, next to the Pansy, is our most cherished spring flower. The flowers are from one to three times larger than the ordinary double Daisy, very perfect and double, and of lovely colors, ranging from pure white through blush-pink, rose, etc., to deep crimson. Many of the plants produce on one stem a cluster of 13 to 20 blossoms, instead of the usual solitary one. The blossoms are very large, unique and beautiful. Not only do they bloom early in the spring, but continue all through the summer and fall, and also make splendid pot plants for winter blooming, flourishing in cool windows and rooms where few other plants will survive.10





Carnation, New Marguerite.

A New Strain of Dwarf, Perpetual Blooming Carnations, Which Flower in 3 or 4 Months from Seed.

The plant is of dwarf, compact and pretty habit, branching closely above the ground, with vigorous stalks which need not be supported by sticks. It flowers abundantly in a great variety of colors throughout the year, and the calyx never bursts. But what renders this variety far superior to any other is that the flowers appear in about three months after sowing the seed. Moreover, it produces at least 80 per cent. of double flowers, which are large and perfect. The plants grow easy everywhere, both in sandy soil and heavy loam, and will give the greatest satisfaction. Indeed, they signify an improvement on all other Carnations which nobody ever thought of. Think of getting Carnations to flower from seed in about four months, which last throughout the winter, and of various colors, white, pink, scarlet, purple, red, striped, mottled, flaked, variegated, etc. We say without hesitation that it is the most important flower seed novelty in many years. They are alike valuable for pot culture and for garden. Do not sow cheap Marguerite Carnation seed; it will disappoint you. Per pkt.

Mixed Colors—Half dwarf, the finest strain, with large, double blossoms, blooming in three months from time of sowing.....10
Pure White—Extra fine.....10
Rosea—Fine clear rose color.....10
Scarlet—Deep, bright scarlet.....10
Purple—A remarkably rich color.....10
Violet—Fine violet color.....10
Striped and Variegated—Many colors. All beautifully striped, blotched, mottled and variegated.....10
One packet each of the seven above offered for 50c.

Heliotrope.

LEMOINE'S NEW EARLY-FLOWERING GIANT.

This new strain of Heliotrope blooms in a very short time from seed, and plants are as easily raised from seed as Pansies or Asters. The seedlings make a rapid growth and are in bloom in a short time. They bloom abundantly in the garden all summer, or all the year round in pots. The panicles of bloom are often six inches across, three times as large as ordinary Heliotrope, while the colors range from indigo-black through all shades of blue, to almost pure white, and some with red tints, others with large white eyes. In fragrance they seem to surpass the ordinary sorts.....15





Dianthus.

An indispensable garden flower and one fitted equally to adorn the poor man's garden or the spacious grounds of the millionaire. Never out of place in any situation. Succeeds in any soil. Stands neglect, heat and cold, and is as near ironclad as a plant can well be. Like their near relative, the Carnation, the Dianthus is superlatively beautiful, many varieties possessing a radiant-like line that is impossible to describe, but it is the very acme of richness and beauty. A grand flower, for cutting or flower work, and succeeds well in pots for winter bloom if treated like Carnations. Sow early either in house or open ground, and plants will not only bloom all summer and fall, but will survive the winter and bloom the next season. Never sow any but the best seed of Dianthus if you would have the choicest flowers. Grows about one foot in height, branching freely, and is always strong and erect. Per pkt.

Diadematus, flora plena—Splendid double flowers of the richest, darkest shades, fringed, mottled, striped, spotted, flake, margined, etc., in a most odd and beautiful manner.10

Double White—Fine for contrast.10

Eastern Queen—Grand flowers 3 or 4 inches across, beautifully striped and shaded, and having colors which are like the richest silks.5

Mourning Cloak—Largest double flowers, purplish black.10

Crimson Bell—Immense flowers of a rich crimson-red. A grand flower of the single fluted lowiggi type, and a beautiful companion to Eastern Queen.6

Imperialis—Double Imperial Pink. Robust, bushy growers, bearing great quantities of large double flowers of rich, glowing colors.5



Childs' Giant Imperial Jap. Morning Glories.

A new strain with gigantic blooms as large as Moonflowers, with colors, markings and variegations never before seen, and of indescribable beauty. Some double, some with quilled and feathered petals, and many with beautifully marbled and variegated leaves. Like all Morning Glories, the seed germinates quickly and the vines grow rapidly and are soon in bloom often before they reach a height of two feet. The flowers are borne by the hundreds, are of enormous size, like great Moonflowers, five or six inches across, and of the most delicate, vivid and blending colors to be seen in any flower. Some will be pure white, others crimson, brick-red, light and dark blues, pinks, etc., while others show a rich and varied combination of colors blending together in a most enchanting way. Spotted, blotched, striped, penciled, bordered, mottled and variegated in every conceivable manner. To add to their beauty the leaves of many of the varieties are richly marbled and variegated white and green. Nothing among flowers can furnish a more beautiful sight than a screen, hedge or trellis of these Giant Morning Glories. Our seed is not to be compared with any which may be put upon the market. Mixed, 50 colors.10



"Shoo-Fly" Plant.

An important new plant of the Physalis family. It is claimed that flies will not stay in a room where it is growing if they can conveniently escape, and our tests show such to be the case, though what there is about it that repulses them is not clear as the plant or flower has no odor. Aside from this most remarkable quality it is a most beautiful flowering plant, and blooms in a very short time (60 days) from seed. It is particularly valuable as a winter bloomer, the blossoms being large, cup-shaped and of a lovely light blue color with a white center. It is a profuse bloomer in pots both summer and winter. In the garden it grows too rank and weedy to be of any value, but as a pot plant it is exquisite.10



Mignonette.

Mignonette is the French word for "little darling." No more expressive word could well be found for the sweet, homely flower that by its merits alone has won its way as the favorite of all, though hundreds of showier flowers were its rivals. No garden is complete without its plot of Mignonette, no nosegay finished without its sprig of this sweet-smelling flower. We pride ourselves on our choice strains of this favorite flower, and believe no finer seed can be procured anywhere. Sow early in the ground for summer blooming, and in pots any time for the window. Per pkt.

Common Sweet—The old small-flowered variety; very sweet. Per pkt. 2

Pyramidal or Giant Tree—A robust grower, with numerous large spikes of flowers, very sweet. 10

Ant White Spiral—First introduced by us several years ago. Very distinct from all other sorts; rank, luxuriant foliage, deeply cut and decidedly ornamental. Each plant bears great quantities of large, snow-white spikes, that are very pretty for cutting and for small bouquets. Grows and blooms in any situation with greater freedom than any other sort. 10

Machet—The finest of all. Plant bushy and a profuse bloomer, with extra large spikes of a pretty brick-red color; exceedingly fragrant. Much inferior seed of this variety is on the market. Ours is strictly pure. 10

Golden Queen—Pyramidal habit, with flowers of a yellowish color. Very good. 10

Crimson Queen—A fine variety with large spikes of dark red flowers. 10

Improved Victoria—Large, compact spikes are exceedingly fragrant, seeming to surpass in this respect all other varieties. It is a robust and healthy grower and succeeds well even in dry soil and hot sun, where most other varieties fail. 10

For 30c. we will send one packet each of the seven sorts.

Double Portulaca.

Mixed Colors—Large blossoms as double as Roses and of the greatest variety of colors and variegations. Our seed is extra choice and will produce large, double flowers. 10

Double Yellow—Fine brilliant color. 10

Double Scarlet—Clear and bright. 10

Double White—Pure and beautiful. 10

Single Grandiflora—Mixed colors. 10



Improved Shirley Poppies.

No better flower seed Novelty will be offered this year than this new strain of Shirley Poppy, grown, selected and improved by Mr. Wilks, the original producer of the Shirleys. Habit of plant dwarf and stout; blossoms of enormous size and of the most charming colors to be found in any flower. No display can surpass a bed of these Poppies, no matter what it is. It is a great improvement over ordinary Shirley Poppies. 10



New Giant-Flowered Dwarf Nasturtium.

Of all Nasturtiums this new strain is the most beautiful and useful, as well as the largest in size and most varied in color. The blossoms are simply enormous in size, and there is a marvelous range of colors and an infinite variety of new shades. Clear, golden yellow, salmon-pink, dark red, golden brown, all shades of yellow variegated with red and brown, canary color, terra cotta, orange and black, with all combinations, making a most brilliant showing. Some of the combinations of color are quite indescribable. The plants are dwarf and compact in habit, with large, luxuriant foliage, and bloom with wonderful profusion all summer long. For pot culture, especially for winter blooming, they are superb, and rival in beauty the choicest plants in any collection. Planted at any time during winter or spring, they will bloom in a few weeks and are certainly unsurpassed for window plants. A mixture of over 50 different colors. 10

Climbing Nasturtiums, Mixed. 5

Childs' Grand Pansies.

A universal favorite with young and old. Every child sees the face in the Pansy, and, aside from its great beauty, we all treasure it as the symbol of modest worth and true affection. The smallest yard must have its Pansies. Not poor, forlorn plants, struggling unaided with heat and drouth and hard-baked ground, though even there yielding us handfuls of cheery bloom; but, rather, strong, vigorous plants, rioting in the cool, deep, mellow beds they love, made rich with fertilizers, kept free from weeds and shaded from the hot afternoon sun. In such a bed one may gather great velvety Pansies by the hundreds,—flowers so radiantly beautiful that they scarcely seem of the earth. Although the Pansy loves coolness, and gives its largest, finest blooms in early spring and late autumn, they are so easy to grow that those living in the South can grow superb ones by giving rich bed, sheltered location, and abundant water. Sow seed early in house or open ground. In the open ground sow seed very early in spring, while the ground is yet cool and moist, for late autumn and fall bloom, or in August and September for spring and early summer bloom. For fall-sown seed, have the bed moist and kept shaded by boards or papers until the plants appear. These will make vigorous plants that will endure the winter if protected by a few evergreen boughs or other light covering. Do not let the plants seed.

Our Pansy seed is the very choicest product of Europe, and the various strains and distinct varieties we offer are the best known to cultivation.

Large-Flowering, Choice Mixed Colors—A superb strain of choice large-flowering types, including all colors. Will give great satisfaction. 5

Trimardeau Giant, Mixed Colors—These are famous for their extraordinary size, though the form is not so perfect as the Imperial Germans. 5

Cassier's Giant Odier—Seed saved only from selected flowers of the very largest size and most beautiful blotchings. A very distinct strain. 5

Bugnot's Superb Mixed—Needs no praise, for it is already famous as the best selection of a noted Pansy fancier. Flowers extraordinary in size and coloring. 10

Snow Queen—A perfect beauty, being a pure snow-white, which always comes true from seed. A great bloomer. 5

Yellow Bird—Very large flowers of a pure bright yellow color. A fine bedder. 5

Fire King—Fiery yellow and reddish purple; rich and unique coloring. 5

Silver-Edged—Dark, rich velvety purple, with distinct white edge. Lovely for cutting and for funeral work. 5

Black Giant-Flowered—A new black Pansy of the largest size; a rich coal black; very fine and striking. 10

Cardinal—Deep scarlet, the brightest color in Pansies, and one that comes pretty true from seed. 10

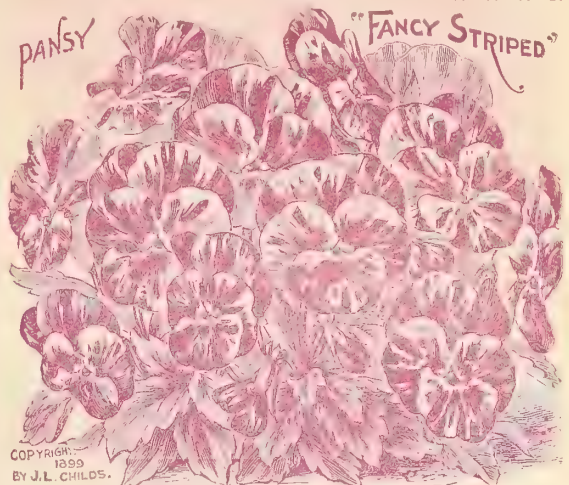
Peacock—A Pansy of superb and varied colors, most of them showing that glorious and luminous bronze-blue seen only in peacock feathers. It is a finely colored strain, and cannot be too highly praised. 10



Freya—Another exceedingly fine European novelty of last year. Flowers large, deep velvety purple, shaded blue and scarlet, with a beautiful white rim. A characteristic of this bloom is that the back is distinctly marked like the front, which gives it a conspicuous full-flowering appearance. It is very richly colored. 10

Above Collection of 12 phts. for only 50c.

Giant Excelsior—Gold type cannot convey an idea of the indescribable richness, the varied and exquisite coloring, the large size, perfect form and great substance of the blossoms. Plants are compact and bushy, and produce great quantities of flowers, borne well above the foliage, on strong stems. Owing to their vigor this strain withstands the hot and dry weather better than any other variety, and produces its great, beautiful blossoms in profusion all summer. Over a hundred different shades and combinations of colors. 20



Fancy Striped Pansies.

These are real gems of fantastic coloring. A strain made up of various colors, all elegantly and grotesquely striped and variegated. These Pansies will be greatly admired for their odd and beautiful and distinct stripes. 10

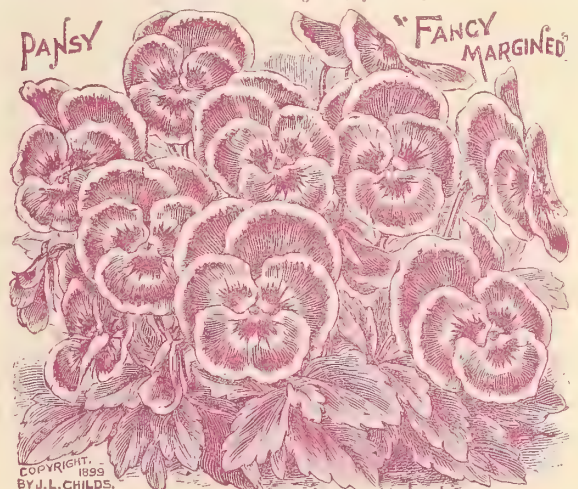
Fancy Scarlet and Red Pansies.

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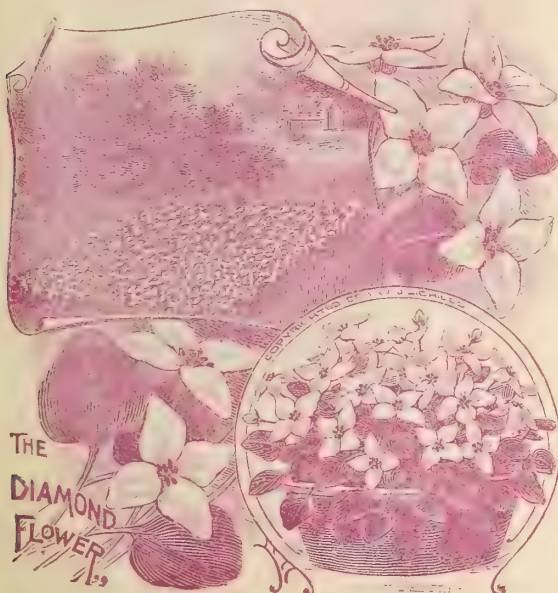
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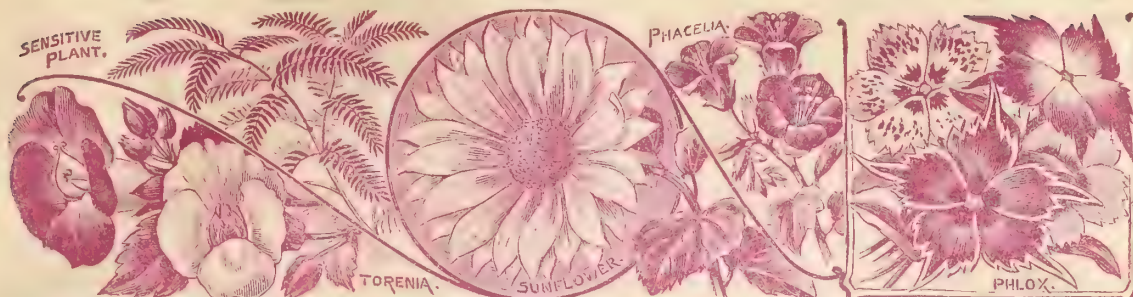
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PHACELIA COMPANULATA—An easily grown annual that will commence to bloom a month from the time seed is sown in open ground. Erect, cup-shaped flowers of a lovely blue. Flowers borne profusely and a long time. Its shade of color is one of the rarest and loveliest seen among blues.

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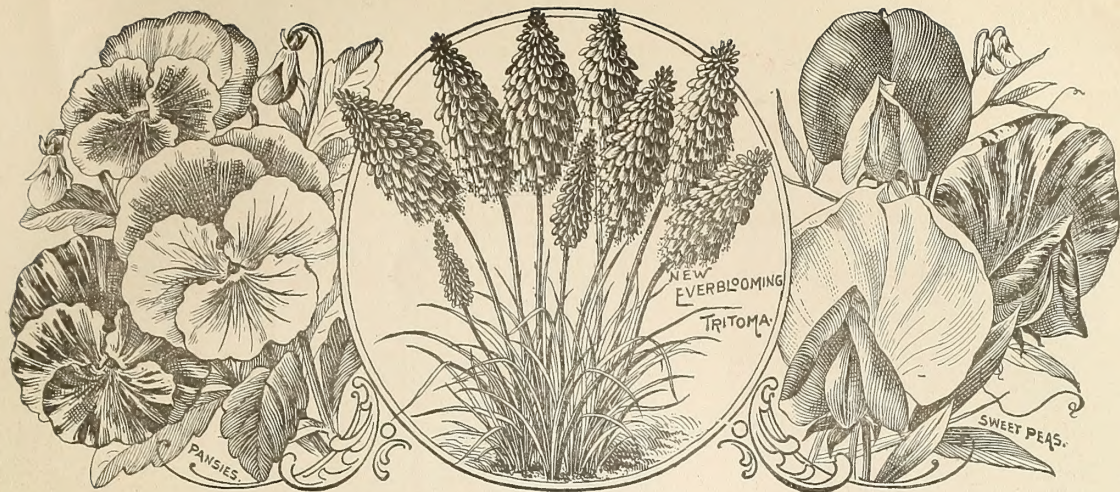
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